

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that all the claims are allowable.

Beginning on the top of page two of the Official Action, an issue is raised regarding Figs. 1 and 2 not being identified as prior art. Accordingly, Figs. 1 and 2 are now identified as being prior art.

Beginning on the middle of page three of the Official Action, an issue is raised regarding two minor editorial matters in the present specification. Accordingly, the specification is amended to address these issues.

It is requested that all the rejections be withdrawn, and that this application be allowed in a timely manner.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

*Please replace the drawing sheet including Figs. 1 and 2 with the replacement drawing sheet including Figs. 1 and 2 attached herewith. Figs. 1 and 2 are changed to be identified as prior art.*

**Attachments:** Replacement Drawing Sheet